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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

The Detroit News: Prosecutors again a no-show today at 36th District Court

"Prosecutors were again a no-show Tuesday at the 36th District Court as a budget battle between the Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano continued. Chief Judge Kenneth King said he wouldn't know the full impact concerning cases until later Tuesday. He acknowledged it is a problem for the court because serious cases including drunken driving and suspended licenses had to be dismissed. The cases also generate significant revenue for the court."

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Also see:

Detroit Free Press: Prosecutor no-shows amid Wayne County budget standoff lead to case dismissals

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MLive.com: Wayne County Executive Ficano-Prosecutor Worthy budget battle intensifies

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WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Holes in court coverage after 26 Wayne Co. prosecutors laid off

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WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: Wayne County executive defends Prosecutor Office cuts

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WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Layoffs hit 36th District Court in Detroit

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Flint Journal: Attorney wants Genesee County to take down its 'no weapons' sign

"The county administration building may no longer be an entirely gun-free zone after a Linden attorney challenged a ban on weapons there.... One potential problem with removing the ban would be in the county Friend of Court office, which has multiple locations on different floors of the building. Friend of the Court John G. Battles said because his office deals with emotional issues like child support and visitation, county officials will want to think twice about making a building-wide decision."

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Oakland County Legal News: 'Appellate Advocacy' focus of 2013 Bench Bar Conference, April 24-26

"The Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference 'Appellate Advocacy in the 21st Century—Bench and Bar Working Together to Achieve Justice Under Law' will take place Wednesday through Friday, April 24-26, at the Inn at St. John's, 44045 Five Mile Road in Plymouth. On Thursday, April 25, there will be a dinner banquet honoring Sandra Schultz Mengel with the State Bar of Michigan Appellate Practice Section's 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award."

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Oakland County Legal News: Called to the law: New judge wants to help resolve issues

"Beginning a new job can be nerve-racking for some, yet others embrace the opportunity before them. Newly-elected Oakland County 46th District Court Judge Debra Nance is the latter. A second-career

attorney 13-years into her journey in the law, Nance, a wife and mother of two, loves the legal profession and has since her youth."

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Oakland County Legal News: Asked and Answered: David Moran on Evans v Michigan

"The U.S. Supreme Court ruled 8-1 recently that Michigan cannot retry a defendant whose arson case had been thrown out by a trial judge who mistakenly required state prosecutors to prove more than they needed. The decision in Evans v. Michigan was a victory for defendant Lamar Evans, who had argued that the Constitution's general prohibition against being tried twice for the same crime, known as double jeopardy, barred a retrial."

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SBM Blog: 'Missing' FOIA'd Videotape Used at Trial: COA Orders Limited Sanctions

"Imagine being this lawyer (the following dialogue is fictitious and is offered for educational or entertainment purposes only): Client: Well, umhh, we denied this woman's FOIA request for the videotape of her arrest because we couldn't find it, and we let her know it was destroyed. Attorney: (using best John Stewart Daily Show imitation) Go onnnnn.... Client: And then, umhh, at trial we offered the videotape in evidence. For the real thing, see Prins v. Michigan State Police, decided by the Michigan Court of Appeals on March 7."

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